

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 77

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 25

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 77—Relative to National Library Week.

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ACR 77, Simitian. National Library Week.

This measure would observe the celebration of National Library Week commencing April 6, and would applaud the positive and vital impact of public libraries, librarians, and library workers, and thank them for enriching the lives of residents and helping to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work.

WHEREAS, National Library Week is being celebrated in public libraries throughout California from April 6, 2003, through April 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, California's public libraries are centers for education, information, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries and librarians advance teaching and learning by helping students, faculty, and researchers obtain the best, most accurate and complete information; and

WHEREAS, Our state's public libraries are changing and dynamic places, offering computers, Internet access, e-mail reference, and other innovative services to connect their users with ideas and information; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries provide technology training for patrons of all ages and help to bridge the "digital divide," for those who do not have access to technology at home or at school; and

WHEREAS, Students are a rapidly growing group of library users, visiting the state's public libraries after school and on weekends for homework assistance and for materials to use in school assignments; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries are important community educational resources, providing innovative programs for youth, including, but not limited to, preschool literacy readiness, Toddler Times, Summer Reading Program, Homework Help Centers, Grandparents and Books, and Reach Out and Read in conjunction with pediatric clinics; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries preserve our cultural heritage, inform, and inspire; and

WHEREAS, More than 19 million people use California's public libraries annually; and

WHEREAS, California public libraries provide equal and economical services and, in many cases, serve as a community's only public point of access to resources for learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California acknowledges and participates in the celebration of National Library Week commencing April 6, 2003, applauds the positive and vital impact of public libraries, librarians, and other library workers, and thanks them for enriching the lives of residents and helping to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

